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1. DCM PROVIDED INFO IN REFTEL TO GALLAGHER, ALONG WITH NOTE
AS SPECIFIED THEREIN ON DEC 23. IN RESPONSE DCM'S QUESTION ABOUT
WHERE EC STOOD ON CONTINUED US FISHERY AFTER JAN 1 OFF FRENCH
GUIANA, GALLAGHER CONVEYED FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

2. COREPER HAD MET THIS MORNING AND REACHED AD REFERENDUM
AGREEMENT ON DRAFT REGULATION CONCERNING ACCESS TO COMMUNITY
WATERS BY THIRD COUNTRY FLEETS, WITHIN WHICH PACKAGE THERE HAS
BEE INSERTED A PARAGRAPH COVERING US FISHING IN AREAS SUBJECT TO
COMMON FISHERIES POLICY (THUS GUIANA IN PARTICULAR).

3. REGULATION PROVIDES FOR CONTINUED FISHING BY US FLAG VESSELS
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ON BASIS OF MONTHLY CATCH PATTERN OF YEAR 1975. ARRANGEMENT
APPLIES FOR ENTIRE YEAR 1977, BUT WOULD NOT, IN EFFECT, PERMIT CATCH
IN ANY GIVEN MONTH TO EXCEED THAT WHICH WAS IN FACT TAKEN DURING
SAME MONTH IN 1975. REGULATION FURTHER PROVIDES THAT FISHING WILL
BE SUBJECT TO "CONSERVATION AND CONTROL MEASURES" FIXED BY MEMBER
STATES AS REGARDS THIER OWN ZONES. MEMBER STATES WILL REQUIRE A

DECLARATION, SIGNED BY SHIP'S MASTER, CONCERNING AMOUNTS BY SPECIES CAUGHT IN EACH MONTH. DECLARATIONS SUBJECT TO CHECKS TO BE MADE BY AUTHORITIES OF MEMBER STATE CONCERNED.

4. IN RESPONSE QUESTION, GALLAGHER SAID REGULATION DOES NOT ADDRESS QUESTION OF WHETHER SPECIAL PERMITS TO FISH ARE REQUIRED, AND ADVISED US COMPANIES INVOLVED TO CONTACT FRENCH AUTHORITIES IN GUIANA DIRECTLY TO DISCUSS THESE QUESTIONS.

5. PROCEDURE ABOVE WOULD APPLY IF REGULATION ADOPTED BY WRITTEN PROCEDURE TECHNIQUE WHICH IS UNDERWAY. DEADLINE FOR RESPONSE FROM MEMBER STATES IS COB DEC 29. IF NO OBJECTION RECEIVED BY THEN, REGULATION ENTERS INTO FORCE. GALLAGHER SAID ALLBUT UK SEEMED TO AGREE TO DRAFT. UK RESERVE RELATES TO PORTION OF REGULATION DEALING WITH ICELANDIC RIGHTS IN EC ZONE, BUT GALLAGHER BELIEVED UK WOULD NOT OPPOSE ENTRY INTO FORCE. FRENCH ACTING PERMREP CAZIMAJOU CONFIRMED TO DCM SEPARATELY THAT HE SAW NO PROBLEM WITH ARRANGEMENT FROM FRENCH VIEWPOINT.

5. IF REGULATION APPROVED ON 29TH, COMMISSION WILL INFORM US BY NOTE VERBALE FOLLOWING DAY. HINTON

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